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# **TOHONO O'ODHAM MAN SENTENCED TO 78 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT**

**PHOENIX** –The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that on August 5, 2004, Marlon Alonzo Dickens, DOB 12/27/70, of Sells on the Tohono O'odham Nation, in the District of Arizona, was sentenced to 78 months imprisonment to be followed by 60 months supervised release, by United States District Judge Frank R. Zapata, in Tucson.

On August 19, 2001, Marlon Alonzo Dickens, a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation, used force against the victim, a female minor, pinned her against a truck, and committed a sexual act. Marlon Alonzo Dickens had entered a plea of guilty on April 10, 2003 to Aggravated Sexual Abuse, a felony.

Judge Zapata sentenced Dickens to serve 78 months in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, and recommended that he be allowed to participate in the 500 hour substance abuse program. He was ordered to pay a special assessment of \$ 100.00. Upon release from prison, a 5 year term of supervised release is to be served. The Court ordered that the defendant reside at a halfway house or a sober living environment for up to 180 days, and to participate in

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substance abuse and sex offender treatment. He was ordered to have no contact with the victim and her family, and prohibited from contact with minors under 18 years of age without prior written permission of the probation officer. Dickens was also ordered to register as a sex offender upon release from prison.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Tohono O'odham Nation Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The prosecution was handled by Sandra M. Hansen, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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